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Memorandum for: Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Joint Congressional Committee on CIA

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advises that he recently conversed with Senator Lyndon Johnson concerning his attitude toward the Joint Congressional Committee on CIA. (This conversation was casual and was not at the instigation of this Office in any way.)

3. [REDACTED] has advised that Senator Johnson basically feels that the activities of CIA cannot be properly monitored by a Congressional Committee because of the inherent danger to the security of the country emanating from such an arrangement and the highly sensitive nature of the subject matter. Senator Johnson is said to be of the opinion that CIA could not divulge information to a Congressional Committee to a degree consistent with the proposed function of the committee and still do its job properly.

4. [REDACTED] indicates that on the basis of the present situation in Congress it is anticipated that the Mansfield Resolution recommending the establishment of the joint committee will be reported out of committee in the very immediate future. In this connection [REDACTED] most likely Senator Johnson will not exert influence toward its passage and quite possibly may oppose it.

5. Information [REDACTED] was accepted but without showing either great concern or too much interest in the matter.

[REDACTED]
Sherman Edwards
Director of Security

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